20. A Global Tiger Forum of Tiger Range Countries has been created for addressing international issues related to tiger conservation.

Emmission by transport vehicles

1245. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what measures are being taken by Government to mitigate the emissions being released by the transport vehicles, especially in the urban India; and

(b) the details of Government's strategy on global warming?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Measures taken to deal with the vehicular emissions include--

* A road map upto 2010 has been laid down by the Expert Committee on Auto Fuel Policy for controlling Vehicular pollution from both new as well as in-use vehicles all over the country;
* Implementation of Bharat Stage-II emission norms for all categories of new vehicles (except two and three-wheelers) from 1.4.2005 throughout the country.
* Implementation of Bharat Stage-III emission norms in 11metro cities from April 1, 2005, for both petrol and diesel driven new 4-wheeler;
* Implementation of fuel quality commensurate with emission norms;
* Implementation of new emission norms for in-use vehicles from October, 2004 throughout the country;
* Initiation of Source Apportionment Studies in six cities, namely Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Chennai and Kanpur;
* Introduction of cleaner fuels like Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in selected cities;
* Fitment of catalytic converter for new petrol passenger cars in four metros from 1.4.1995 and 45 cities from 1.9.1998;

* Introduction of Mass Transport System in selected cities;

(b) Climate change due to global warming is a worldwide environmental probelm, the major responsibility for which lies with the developed countries, and not developing countries, such as, India. However India is engaged in the International climate change regime, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Kyoto Protocol, and various partnerships with other countries under the UNFCCC. While India does not have any Green House Gas (GHG) abatement commitments under the Kyoto Protocol, a range of policies and programs taken up help mitigate climate change. These include—

* Improving energy efficiency & conservation as well setting up of Bureau of Energy Efficiency
* Power sector reforms
* Promoting hydro and renewable energy
* Promotion of clean coal technologies
* Coal washing & efficient utilization of coal
* Afforestation and conservation of forests
* Reduction of gas flaring
* Use of cleaner and lesser carbon intensive fuel for transport
* Encouraging Mass Rapid Trnasport systems
* Environmental quality management

Inclusion of Godavari under NRCP

1246. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National River Conservation Plan included any stretches of the river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh for protecting the river;

(b) whether it is also a fact that rapid erosion and effluents are damaging the environmental flow of the river;

(c) whether any survey has been done yet;